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1. All the members of the East German Politburo had to speak to the workers of large industrial enterprises on 23 June 1953. The most important statement was made by Otto Grotewohl in a speech delivered at the Karl Liebknecht Transformer Plant in East Berlin. Among others, he made the following remarks: By economy measures effected in the heavy machine industry and the military establishment a sum of two billion marks was to be made available for the execution of housing projects. The demand that the government resign could not be complied with. Grotewohl reportedly said that no member of the government had the right to throw up the game; for he who had made mistakes was obliged to correct them himself. Grotewohl's statements were not published.
2. On 29 June, the SED Politburo ordered the press immediately to stop the spate of declarations of loyalty to the government, because the hour had come for open criticism and discussions. Ollenhauer was no longer to be spared, because it had been proved that he was one of the instigators of the uprising on 17 June. The treason committed by the right-wing SPD leaders was to be published without pity. The directives given to the press also laid down that the events in Berlin had to be treated as a Fascist putsch and not as a workers' revolt. The press had to do everything in its power to unmask the instigators of this putsch.

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